

the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

An incidental take authorization shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth.

NMFS has defined “negligible impact” in 50 CFR 216.103 as an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.

The MMPA states that the term “take” means to harass, hunt, capture, kill or attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill any marine mammal.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines “harassment” as: any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance, which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (Level A harassment); or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (Level B harassment).

Summary of Request

On November 2, 2022 NMFS received an application from the U.S. Space Force, Vandenberg Space Force Base requesting authorization for taking of marine mammals by Level B harassment incidental to base operations. Following extensive exchange of information between NMFS and the applicant, a revised application was submitted on May 25, 2023. The revised application was deemed adequate and complete on May 26, 2023.

Launch sites at VSFB serve as the point of origin for launches conducted by Department of Defense, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and commercial entities. All launch operations would occur at VSFB, potentially resulting in impacts to

marine mammals at VSFB (as a result of launch noise and visual stimuli) and at the Northern Channel Islands (as a result of noise from sonic booms). Therefore, USSF requests authorization to incidentally take marine mammals.

Specified Activities

U.S. Space Force’s request describes activities that are conducted to meet mission requirements for VSFB. The base is the primary launch facility on the west coast of the United States for placing commercial, government, and military satellites into polar orbit on unmanned launch vehicles, and for the testing and evaluation of intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) and sub-orbital target and interceptor missiles. Related operations include surface launches of space vehicles and recovery of first stage boosters, silo launches of intercontinental ballistic missiles, test launches related to the Ground Based Strategic Defense program (GBSD), operation of various aircraft including unmanned aerial systems, and harbor operations. The USSF anticipates an incremental increase in the number of launches, culminating with 15 missile and 110 rocket launches in 2028, the last full calendar year that an authorization would be in effect.

A full description of these activities including descriptions of the types of vehicles, estimated number of launches per year and proposed marine mammal monitoring, is provided in the USSF’s request.

Information Solicited

Interested persons may submit information, suggestions, and comments concerning U.S. Space Force’s request (see **ADDRESSES**). NMFS will consider all information, suggestions, and comments related to the request during the development of proposed regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals by U.S. Space Force, if appropriate.

Dated: June 9, 2023.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; ED-524 Budget Information Non-Construction Programs Form and Instructions

AGENCY: Office of Finance and Operations (OFO), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 17, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Cleveland Knight, 202-987-0064.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in

response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: ED-524 Budget Information Non-Construction Programs Form and Instructions.

OMB Control Number: 1894-0008.

Type of Review: An extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 8,800.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 154,000.

Abstract: The ED-524 form and instructions are included in U.S. Department of Education discretionary grant application packages and are needed in order for applicants to submit summary-level budget data by budget category, as well as a detailed budget narrative, to request and justify their proposed grant budgets which are part of their grant applications.

Dated: June 12, 2023.

Stephanie Valentine,

PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act), the U.S. Department of Education (Department) publishes this notice of a modified system of records entitled “Aid Awareness and Application Processing” (18-11-21). This system maintains information necessary for the Department to process applications for Federal student financial program assistance under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA); to perform the responsibilities of the Federal Student Aid (FSA) Ombudsman; to provide Federal student loan repayment relief including under the borrower defense to repayment regulations; to notify aid applicants and aid recipients of aid program opportunities and updates under title IV of the HEA via digital communication channels; and to maintain the *StudentAid.gov* website as

the front end for assisting customers with all of their Federal student financial aid needs throughout the student aid lifecycle. Electronic records maintained in the Aid Awareness and Application Processing (AAP) system are collected by the Department’s Digital and Customer Care (DCC) Information Technology (IT) system.

DATES: Submit your comments on this modified system of records notice on or before July 17, 2023.

This modified system of records notice will become applicable on June 15, 2023, unless it needs to be changed as a result of public comment, except for the new and modified routine uses (1)(a), (j), (m), (n), (p), and (q) that are outlined in the section entitled “ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES,” which will be effective on July 17, 2023, unless they need to be changed as a result of public comment. The Department will publish any changes to the modified system of records notice resulting from public comment.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *regulations.gov*. However, if you require an accommodation or cannot otherwise submit your comments via *regulations.gov*, please contact one of the program contact persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The Department will not accept comments submitted by fax or by email, or comments submitted after the comment period closes. To ensure that the Department does not receive duplicate copies, please submit your comments only once. In addition, please include the Docket ID at the top of your comments.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> to submit your comments electronically. Information on using *Regulations.gov*, including instructions for accessing agency documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket, is available on the site under the “FAQ” tab.

Privacy Note: The Department’s policy is to make comments received from members of the public available for public viewing in their entirety on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, commenters should be careful to include in their comments only information that they wish to make publicly available.

Assistance to Individuals with Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record: On request, we will

provide an appropriate accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this notice. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of accommodation or aid, please contact one of the program contact persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In accordance with the Privacy Act, the Department proposes to modify the system of records notice entitled “Aid Awareness and Application Processing” (18-11-21). As described in greater detail below, these modifications include the addition to the Aid Awareness and Application Processing (AAP) system of records of the information collected through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) Processing System (FPS), which will modernize the legacy Central Processing System (CPS) with new, more efficient technology such as cloud storage. CPS is the information system within the AAP system of records that currently processes data from the FAFSA. CPS will process award year 2023-2024 data through September 30, 2024. FPS will become operational on or after December 1, 2023, to begin